

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Martin SOMMER et al.

Serial No.: 09/780,618

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Examiner: CHEVALIER, Alicia Ann

Group Art Unit: 1772

For: MOLDED ELEMENT THAT CONSISTS OF BRITTLE-FRACTURE MATERIAL

**REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 28, 2004, please amend the claims as follows and consider the remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.